

Preliminary Amendment "A" for Application Number 10/714,388**REMARKS**

Claims 1-35 remain in this application. Claims 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 24 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered by the amendments to Claims 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 24, and that all amendments are supported by the original specification and drawings.

Claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographical error and change the claim dependency to Claim 3. Support for this amendment is found within the original claims and, as one example of an embodiment of the present invention, with reference to FIGS. 5A and 5B.

Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error and change the claim dependency to Claim 3, and to include the term "strap." Support for this amendment is found within the original claims and, as one example of an embodiment of the present invention, with reference to FIGS. 14A and 14B, and to include the term "stationary support" as described, for example, in paragraph [0008] of the specification.

Claim 18 has been amended to correct a typographical error and change the claim dependency to Claim 2, and to change the recitation of "said length" to "the length," which is an inherent property of the elongated member. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in paragraph [0059] of the specification.

Claim 19 has been amended to describe the action of the support and elongated member. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in paragraph [0011] of the specification.

Claim 22 has been amended to recite a pair of grips. Support for this amendment is found, for example, with reference to FIG. 1

Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error and change the claim dependency to Claim 23. Support for this amendment is found within the original claims and, as one example of an embodiment of the present invention, with reference to FIGS. 17A and 18A.

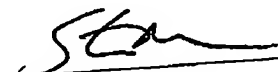
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Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should feel that a telephone interview would be productive in resolving any issues in the case, please telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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